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VVB LOWA 1951 PLAN FULFILLMENT

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[redacted] the 1951
Plan by the several plants of the VVB Lowa (Federation of People-Owned Enterprises
for Locomotive and Railroad Car Construction) [redacted]
was 107 % fulfilled [redacted] particular difficulties of each of the 13 Lowa
plants. Some of these difficulties are [redacted]

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Loessnitz Sheet Metal Works had poor production for three quarters of the year
because it had insufficient orders for narrow gage cars.

The Vetschau Vehicle and Equipment plant was not able to complete one steam-
powered tractor (DS 120) in 1951, although it fulfilled its quotas for other items.

The Berlin Locomotive and Boiler Plant had trouble with two products: fireless
locomotives and spring shackles. Because of poor management and inadequate facilities
at the Berlin plant the fireless locomotive production had to be transferred to
Lowa Babelsberg (not under VVB); the Ministry of Machine-Building forced upon the
plant spring shackle production at a price so low that the plant faced financial ruin.

The Altenburg Car Repair Shop and the Freital Machine Shop had difficulties through-
out the year because too few damaged cars were delivered for repair.

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